

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 have been canceled, and claims 8-10 and 13 have been amended herein. Claims 8-13 are pending in the present application.

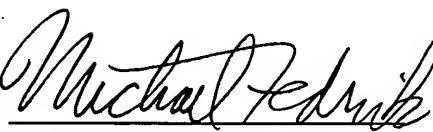
Claims 8-10 and 13 have been amended to remove the "means-plus-function" language in those claims. The specification has been amended to support the amendments to the claims. No new matter has been added by these amendments, full support for these amendments being found throughout the originally-filed specification, claims and drawings. Applicants respectfully request that the amendments set forth herein be entered prior to the examination of the application.

No fees are believed to be due for the filing of this document. However, if this belief is in error, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee required for this Preliminary Amendment to Deposit Account No. 19-2090.

Respectfully submitted,

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